

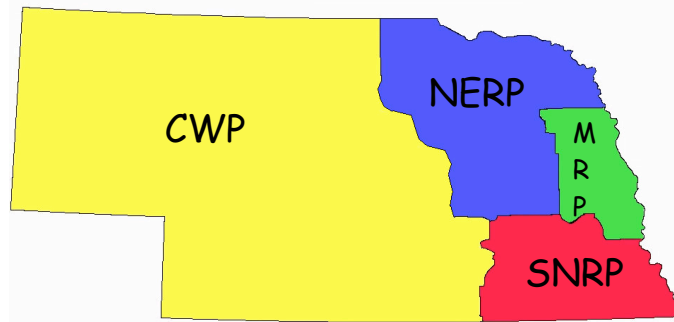
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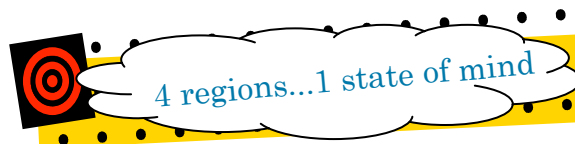
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Who are the Nebraska Regional Programs?

The Nebraska State Board of Education made a commitment to enhance the educational programs that children who are deaf and hard of hearing receive through their local school districts. To accomplish this, Nebraska has been divided into four (4) regions which each provide different opportunities to support the unique educational, social and emotional needs of children who are deaf and hard of hearing. The map above represents the four regions.



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Statewide Educational Programs and Support Services for Children who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing



How can we assist your child?

Appropriate and quality learning experiences for children who are deaf or hard of hearing should accommodate not only their disabilities, but should also recognize and build on their unique strengths and learning styles. State-wide Educational Programs and Support Services operate as a fluid network facilitating appropriate educational decisions for students from a full array of services. Those decisions are made by the student's IFSP or IEP team.



Early identification, followed by timely and appropriate intervention, need to form a safety net of support around all programs and services for quality and equality to be a reality for all.

Children who are deaf or hard of hearing must have access to rich and varied communication and language environments. Each Regional Program will provide social and educational opportunities for children who are deaf or hard of hearing to interact with others in a language barrier-free environment.



Nebraska Regional Programs

- ◆ Networking system
- ◆ Promote cooperative agreements among service providers
- ◆ Social and educational opportunities for students
- ◆ Increased professional development opportunities
- ◆ Interpreter training
- ◆ Resources to families, students, and schools
- ◆ Access to Deaf and Hard of Hearing role models
- ◆ Parent and professional lending libraries



Social and Educational activities for all ages birth—high school graduation

What is the role of the regional programs?

The regional programs work cooperatively to maximize state and local resources for the enhancement of the education of children who are deaf or hard of hearing.



Students at Cosmosphere Space Camp

Statewide Social and Educational Opportunities

- ◆ Fall Outing
- ◆ Elementary Extravaganza
- ◆ Future Astronaut Training Program
- ◆ Close Up Experience
- ◆ Storytelling Festival
- ◆ Winter Dance
- ◆ Transition Conference
- ◆ Optimist Communication Contest
- ◆ Arts Festival
- ◆ Camp Anderson

